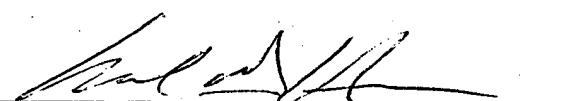


REMARKS

You will find attached a copy of the first page of a Transmittal Letter that was filed in this application. As the Transmittal Letter indicates, applicants indicated that this application was a "divisional" of prior pending application 08/240,877 filed on May 11, 1994. Rather than checking the "divisional" box, applicants should have indicated that the present application is a "continuation" application. This same error was made in the Preliminary Amendment dated October 3, 2000. In addition, the Examiner should note that items 1 and 3-8 noted in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed February 15, 2001 are also continuation applications rather than divisional applications. Accordingly, the present application and the other noted copending cases should be considered to be continuation applications rather than a divisional applications and the claim to priority in this case should be corrected.

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